

# Mount Vernon City Library



## Never Goodbye, Only “See You Later”

by Chelsea Lankford and Robin Lowrie, staff members

September 1 was the beginning of a new month, but it was also a day for goodbyes. **Janice Buchanan**, children’s librarian of twelve years, began a new adventure as she retired from the library this month. Her future is full of excitement, although patrons and coworkers alike will miss her dearly. **Carol**, a fellow children’s librarian since 2003, says her favorite thing about **Janice** was her gracious heart. “I learned just by watching her,” stated **Carol**. **Alberta** began working with **Janice** two years ago as a teen librarian, and admired her way with children, her integrity, and especially her laugh.

**Janice** led a toddler story time every Friday and Saturday for several years where many families got to know and love her. **Linda Allen**, Head Children’s Librarian, will remember **Janice’s** genuine delight in people, especially children. “She always took care to give them her focused attention when answering questions,” says **Linda**. Her positive energy brought out the best in everyone around her. **Janice** already has plans to attend her daughter’s wedding in Hawaii and an event honoring her veteran father in Washington D.C. later this year. Everyone at the library wishes her well in this new chapter of her life.



Janice at the staff good-bye party

## Featured Online Database

by Irene Nelson, staff member

This quarters featured database is **ProQuest**. With its easy to use features and enormous amount of information, **ProQuest** is an excellent resource for students. Access to over 3000 periodicals and

full-text publications with sources, makes this database great for research. I had a difficult time choosing this as my favorite, as there are many wonderful databases here at the library—simply put: “They’re all awesome!”



## City of Mount Vernon

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### Who supports the library?

- You do, through City taxes
- The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library
- The Mount Vernon Library Foundation
- Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.

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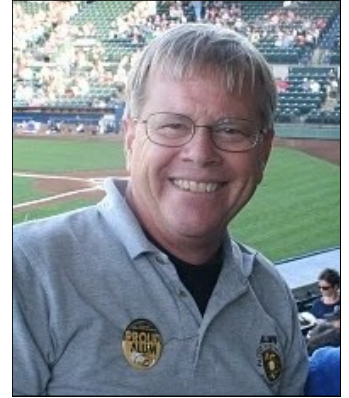
## Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by Dave Johnson, Friends President

*Libraries are not made; they grow.* **Augustine Birrell**

Birrell may have been an English politician in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but he understood how a public library would function in the early 21<sup>st</sup>! And, thanks to the 175 folks who purchased books or donated money totaling \$1250 at our Used Book Sale on a sunny September 24, so do you!

Major cuts in civic funding are taking their toll on library services, just as they do in other areas of Mount Vernon. Your *Friends of the Mount Vernon Library* raises funds to support the library in ways the city just can't right now. Our two book sales each year are our major source of income, but we also generate funds from our Book Nook sales and membership in the Friends.

Our fourth annual Friends Day is October 18 from 3-6 pm. Please join us for delicious desserts and raffles of bestsellers and fun items PLUS a library letterbox hunt for the kids. Those who join the Friends or renew their membership that day will get ten tickets to try on any of our raffles, including a one year membership to the Library (for those living outside the city), a Kindle, and more. (You even get a ticket just for stopping by and saying hello.) It's only \$3.00 to join, so why not do so October 18 or anytime!



## Mount Vernon Library Foundation, by Harold Page, Foundation President

"Mount Vernon needs a new Library."

English is a confusing language. It's a language where it is grammatically correct to write: "I will read this book that I've already read." And we take it for granted that the identical alphabetic strings R E A and D, which appear in two places, have two different pronunciations and two different meanings. Such is the case with the word "library" and it is confusing when one says "Mount Vernon needs a new Library", because Mount Vernon has a wonderful library. The problem is that the word "library" can refer to several different things. It can be a collection of books and resources, it can be an institution, or it can be a building. So it creates confusion when we say, "Mount Vernon needs a new Library". We have a wonderful library in the sense that our city's library staff is incredibly resourceful and efficient at providing the very best of library services. But it is a fact that our library's building is no longer adequate for the needs of a community our size nor modern usage standards.

"We need a new Library (building)."

[editor's note: The Board of the Mount Vernon Library Foundation held a Retreat on September 13th, at Max Dales Restaurant. Under the skilled facilitation of Mark Haines and Leslie Stay Johnson, the already remarkable energy, enthusiasm and skill set of the Foundation Board was channeled into a work plan that is bearing immediate dividends. Stay tuned for further developments as the Library Foundation moves forward under President Page's constant refrain: "Mount Vernon needs a new Library (building)."]

## Erik Moe Rocks! (or, A New Look at the Heart of our Thriving Community)

by Chelsea Lankford and Robin Lowrie



Most of the community has seen or heard that the Library has a wonderful new coat of paint. Thanks to the hard work and determination of volunteer **Erik Moe**, our community is looking a lot brighter. His initiative to improve our building started when he met with the Mayor and volunteered his time to paint it free of charge. He spent many weeks scraping, caulking and painting out of the kindness of his heart, and his love of libraries. We definitely appreciate his generosity and compassion for the community.

Mayor Norris presents Erik with a plaque honoring his work; photo by Michael Dyrland

## 2011 October—December Library Events Calendar

(all programs are free and no sign up is required)

Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3	Tales for Tails (reading with certified therapy dogs), 1-2 pm, 6-12 years.
Oct 3-Nov 14	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, birth-24 months, Mondays.
Oct 4-Nov 15	Bilingual Storytime, 6:30 pm, all ages, Tuesdays.
Oct 5-Nov 16	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, 3-5 years, Wednesdays.
Oct 6-Nov 17	Travels with SKOOB, 4-4:30 pm, 6-8 years, Thursdays.
Oct 7-Nov 18	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, 2-3 years, Fridays.
Oct 8-Nov 19	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, 2-3 years, Saturdays
Oct 8	Science Saturday (the science of sound), 2-3 pm, ages 8-11.
Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14,28	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-7 pm.
Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8	Teen Writing Group, 5:30-7:30 pm.
Oct 18	Friends of the Library Day, 3-6 pm.
Oct 27	Scary Stories for Adults, 6-7:30 pm, adults.
Oct 28	Teen Monster Night, 6-8 pm.
Nov 12	Science Saturday, 2-3 pm, ages 8-11.
Nov 18	Teen Murder Mystery Night, 6-8 pm (registration required)
Dec 16	Santa Storytime, 10:30 am, all ages.
Dec 29	Last Leaf Productions live performance of <i>Town Mouse, Country Mouse.</i> , 6:30 pm, all ages.



### NOVEL DESTINATIONS Summer Reading for Adults-final report

By Chelsea Lankford and Robin Lowrie

Our Novel Destinations program was a big hit this year. We had four amazing travel programs presented by Road Scholars, (previously called Elder Hostel). Over 90 book reviews were submitted compared to a dismal 20 or so from previous years. The winner of the Grand Prize, Angela Boehm, received a one night stay for two at the beautiful Coupeville Bed and Breakfast on Whidbey Island, a trip donated by the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library. Among the prizes were also a gift certificate for dinner at Rachawadee Thai Restaurant donated by the restaurant, a gift certificate for Tattered Page Book Store donated by the store, 2 movie tickets to Lincoln Theatre donated by the theatre, a gift bag of goodies donated by the Skagit Valley Food Co-Op and baskets of books also donated by the Friends of the Library. We would like to express our gratitude for all the donations and to the patrons who participated in this years program and drawing. Happy Reading!

Angela Boehm accepts Grand Prize from MVCL Deputy Director Sara Holahan





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### ***“The Chain of Command”***

The library director reports to the Mayor, Bud Norris.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Marija Anderson (Chair), Paul Jurenka (Vice Chair), Bill Craig (Secretary), Scott Correa and Sharon Sackett.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

## 2011 Library Hours

Monday	10 AM-5 PM
Tuesday	10 AM-8 PM
Wednesday	10 AM-8 PM
Thursday	10 AM-8 PM
Friday	10 AM-5 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM

### **Holiday and other closures:**

November 11	Veterans Day
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Day
December 24	Christmas Eve Day
December 26	Christmas Day (observed)

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

## ***Mount Vernon City Library***

### ***Vision Statement:***

*Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community*

### ***Mission Statement:***

*Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.*

### ***Core Values:***

*Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core value including, but not limited to:*

<i>Excellent customer service</i>	<i>Relevancy</i>
<i>Patience, understanding and caring</i>	<i>Tolerance</i>
<i>Community leadership</i>	<i>Sensitivity</i>
<i>Helpfulness</i>	<i>Welcoming spirit</i>
<i>Contributor to the community's quality of life</i>	

